MIG Variants Inducted into IAF

1039. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the different variants of MIG aircraft inducted into the Indian Air Force since 1962 till date;

(b) the types of engines used in these different types of aircraft;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is seriously thinking of phasing out some of the variants of MIG; and

(d) if yes, the types of variants that are going to phased out by Air Force?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Fourteen variants of MIG series aircraft for the trainer and fighter types have been inducted into the Indian Air Force since 1962.

(b) It would not be in the national interest to disclose the type of engines used in these aircraft.

(c) and (d) The older MIG variants are being phased out based on factors like their remaining technical and calendar life, maintainability and product support.

Lapses in the Process of Defence Procurement

1040. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:
PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has detected eleven serious lapses in the process of defence producement;

(b) if yes, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is found that the manner in which defence deals are being signed is against common prudence and established norms?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) CVC furnised their final report to Ministry of Defence on 31.3.2001. The CVC's report is based on Secret and Top Secret documents of the Ministry of Defence as well as based on the reports of IB & CBI and has been classified as a Secret document. Some procedural lapses/irregularities in post 1989 procurements have been pointed out by CVC and fixing of responsibility suggested in a few cases. Action has already been taken on CVC recommendations related with procurement procedures etc. and CVC has been apprised of the same. In cases, where CVC have suggested fixing of responsibility matter are under active consideration of the Ministry.

(c) No, Sir.

Financial Reward to Soldiers from Orissa

1041. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Orissa has honoured the soldiers of the State for exemplary bravery by providing them further financial incentives;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Defence authorities have contributed to the consolidated amount so distributed by the State to the Defence personnel and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government of Orissa is providing,a sum of Rs. 2 lakhs as exgratia grant and a monthly pension not exceeding Rs. 1275/-to the next of kin of deceased defence personnel died in the action of war and counter insurgency operations. Apart from that, there is also provision for cash rewards to the gallantry and non gallantry award winners of the armed forces. Monetary grant is also given, in lieu of agriculture land to landless non commissioned officers who have won gallantry awards.